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SUBJECT: STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS: INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY
CORPORATION

REF: STATE 160007

1. CHARGE CONVEYED TO DE BASSOMPIERRE ON AUGUST 16 REPLY TO HIS
QUERY ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. DE BASSOMPIERRE RESPONDED
SAYING THAT HE WOULD PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO INTERESTED
BELGIAN AUTHORITIES. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE AMERICAN COM-
PANY WOULD WISH TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE. HE EXPLAINED THAT IN THE
PRESENT PROSPEROUS STATE OF BELGIAN ECONOMY, LOSS OF THESE
PARTICULAR CONTRACTS MIGHT NOT CAUSE GREAT DIFFICULTY.
HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THAT IF THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SUCH CASES
OR IF THEY AFFECTED THE JOBS OF BELGIANS, HE WOULD EXPECT
CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE GOB BY THE TRADE UNIONS TO "DO
SOMETHING" ABOUT USG POLICY IN THIS FIELD. WE ARE ALSO UNDER
THE IMPRESSION THAT IMC ITSELF MAY NOT PRESS FURTHER ON THIS
ISSUE SINCE THEY HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT THEIR ORDER BOOKS
ARE REASONABLY FULL.

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2. WE TOOK THE OCCASSION OF OUR VISIT TO DRAW ON REFTEL

TO REBUT DE BASSOMPIERRE'S SUGGESTION AS TO THE FAVORABLE INFLUENCE IN REDUCING CUBAN DEPENDENCE ON THE USSR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMERICAL ACTIVITIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WE EMPHASIZED THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE COULD NOT WELCOME SOME OF THE ACTIONS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GOB. DE BASSOMPIERRE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF OUR RESERVATIONS ON THIS SCORE BUT HE FEARED THAT IN THE FACE OF PRESSURES FROM LEFT SOCIALIST CIRCLES, THE BELGIANS WOULD PROCEED WITH THEIR MODEST TECHINCAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS.

3. SHOULD APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE BE SUBMITTED BY FMC TO THE TREASURY, WE ARE OF COURSE PREPARED TO GIVE OUR VIEWS ON THE QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE ADDRESSED TO THE EMBASSY.
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